East German perfins are scarce

Carl Zeiss, the optics manufacturing firm in Leipzig, East Germany, was apparently a big user of perfins on East German stamps. The CZ perfin appears on numerous DDR issues and on stamps of the

Russian occupation.

There aren't many other perfins on East German

stamps, however. Although perfins were commonly used throughout Germany prior to World War II, they are relatively scarce on post-war issues of either Germany.

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